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UNDRC BERKOL REQUESTED MISSION RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE
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SUBJ: SAHELIAN DISASTER-TRANSPORT

QUOTE:

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING
DONOR FLIGHTS WITHIN SAHELIAN ZONE WAS REPORTED TO PARTICIPANTS
AT MEETING ON TRANSPORT/LOGISTICS HELD IN ABIDJAN (IVORY COAST)
ON 30-31 JULY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP KONATE (INTER-STATE COMMITTEE)
AND MAY POSSIBLY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

A. FRANCE: ONE TRANSALL AND TWO NORD ATLAS MACHINES MADE
AVAILABLE TO CHAD FOR THREE WEEKS FOR INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF
SUPPLIES.

B. BELGIUM: TWO HERCULES OFFERED FOR 15-DAY PERIOD AND
PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF FAO/OSRO TO OPERATE WHEREVER
NEEDED MOST. ADDITIONAL HERCULES MACHINE OPERATING
WITHIN NIGER AND SECOND HERCULES BASED UPPER VOLTA.

C. NETHERLANDS: ONE FOKKER FRIENDSHIP OPERATING
DAILY FLIGHT TO MALI (KAYES) AND ONE DAILY FLIGHT CATTLE FEED TO
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SENEGAL (PODOR).

D. GERMANY: TWO TRANSALL AIRCRAFT (EACH WITH TWELVE TON CAPACITY), WERE OPERATING UP TO AUGUST 3, AIRLIFTING 135 TONS MILK POWDER FROM ABIDJAN TO OUAGADOUGOU AND 540 TONS FROM ACCRA ALSO TO UPPER VOLTA. SIX TRANSALL MACHINES, OF WHICH TWO EACH OPERATING WITHIN NIGER, MALI AND CHAD FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. THE TWO TRANSALLS WHICH RETURNED TO GERMANY VIA OUAGADOUGOU ON 3 AUGUST WERE ABLE TO DELIVER 20 TONS OF WORLD HEALTH DROUGHT MEDICINES STORED OUAGADOUGOU TO NIAMEY, FORT LAMY, BAMAKO AND NOUAKCHOTT, THANKS TO PRIOR INFORMATION FURNISHED UNDRO BY GERMAN MISSION GENEVA AND VERY CLOSE COLLABORATION AND ON-SPOT EFFORTS OF FAO/OSRO AND WHO PERSONNEL.

E. UNITED KINGDOM: RAF HAS EXTENDED AIRLIFT UNTIL 31 AUG. AND WILL CONTINUE BE BASED AT DAKAR, WITH DELIVERIES CONTINUED TO NIORO AND AIRLIFT TO BE COMMENCED TO NARA (BOTH WITHIN MALI). AIRCRAFT FLYING TWO SORTIES DAILY EACH DESTINATION DELIVERING AVERAGE DAILY TOTAL 30 TONS EACH TOWM.

F. CANADA: THREE HERCULES AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM LAGOS TO NORTHERN PARTS OF NIGER REPUBLIC UNTIL 15 AUGUST, WITH TOTAL CAPACITY ABOUT 100 TONS DAILY.

G. UNITED STATES: THREE HERCULES OPERATING FROM BAMAKO TO SIXTH REGION OF MALI UNTIL 15 SEPTEMBER WITH AVERAGE DAILY CAPACITY OF 60 TONS.

2. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE MADE AT MEETING:

A. NOUAKCHOTT PORT CAPACITY: THIS REPORTED LIMITED AND ANTICIPATED THAT SOME SHIPMENTS MAY HAVE TO BE DIVERTED TO DAKAR IN CASE OF POSSIBLE PORT CONGESTION.

B. RAILWAY FACILITIES TO MALI: SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED FOR SHIPMENTS DESTINED MALI WHICH STORED DAKAR AND ABIDJAN OWING LIMITED RAILWAY FACILITIES. THE MEETING RECOMMENDED THAT MORE EXTENSIVE USE SHOULD BE MADE OF ROAD HAULAGE FROM ABIDJAN IF DONORS WILLING ASSUME ADDITIONAL COST (ABOUT 30 PERCENT HIGHER UNCLASSIFIED

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THAN COST COMBINED RAIL/ROAD SHIPMENTS). ROAD HAULAGE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IF MALI IS TO RECEIVE ITS MINIMUM MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS (20,000 TONS) IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

C. DETERIORATING ROAD SITUATION WITHIN MALI: ROADS TO NARA AND OTHER POINTS EASTWARD REPORTED VIRTUALLY IMPASSABLE, WITH RAF FLYING TO NIORO AND NARA, OTHER POINTS WITHIN MALI REQUIRING CONTINUED USE OF AIRLIFTS BY DONOR CARGO PLANES

INCLUDE GOUDAM, TIMBUKTU, GAO AND TESSAUT.

D. DELIVERIES TO NIGER REPUBLIC: ABOVE-MENTIONED
CANADIAN HERCULES REPORTED SUPPLYING AGADES, ARLIT, TAHOUA AND DIRKOU
FROM LAGOS UNTIL AUGUST 15. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL DC-3
AIRCRAFT NEEDED TO FACILITATE INTERNAL TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO
IN-GALI AND MARENDET (FROM AGADES), IFEROUANE (FROM ARLIT),
AND MAINE-SOROA, N'GUIGMI AND FDIFFA (FROM ZINDER). END
QUOTE.

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